

PHARMACY BOARD[657]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147.76, the Board of Pharmacy hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 7, “Hospital Pharmacy Practice,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The amendments were approved at the August 29, 2012, regular meeting of the Board of Pharmacy.

The proposed amendments authorize a hospital pharmacy to contract for remote order entry and medication order preview and verification with another licensed pharmacy to supplement hospital pharmacy services and to increase the availability of the pharmacist for involvement in cognitive and patient care activities.

Requests for waiver or variance of the discretionary provisions of Board rules will be considered pursuant to 657—Chapter 34.

Any interested person may present written comments, data, views, and arguments on the proposed amendments not later than 4:30 p.m. on October 23, 2012. Such written materials may be sent to Terry Witkowski, Executive Officer, Board of Pharmacy, 400 S.W. Eighth Street, Suite E, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-4688; or by e-mail to terry.witkowski@iowa.gov.

After analysis and review of this rule making, no impact on jobs has been found.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 155A.13.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 657—7.7(155A), introductory paragraph, as follows:

657—7.7(155A) Verification by remote pharmacist when pharmacy is closed. A hospital pharmacy may contract with another pharmacy for remote pharmacist preview and verification of patient-specific drugs or devices ordered for a patient ~~when the hospital pharmacy is closed~~. Contracted services may include pharmacist order entry pursuant to subrule 7.8(3). Pharmacies entering into a contract or agreement pursuant to this rule shall comply with the following requirements:

ITEM 2. Amend subrule 7.7(1) as follows:

7.7(1) Nonsupplanting service. A contract or agreement for remote pharmacist services shall not relieve the hospital pharmacy from employing or contracting with a pharmacist to provide routine pharmacy services within the facility. The activities authorized by this rule are intended to supplement on-site hospital pharmacy services ~~when the pharmacy is closed~~ and are not intended to eliminate the need for an on-site hospital pharmacy or pharmacist. The activities authorized by this rule are intended to increase the availability of the pharmacist for involvement in cognitive and patient care activities when the pharmacy is open.